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Viewing cable 09CAIRO2298, EGYPT: MB INTERNAL CLASHES CONTINUE

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09CAIRO2298	2009-12-15 14:01	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Cairo

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SUBJECT: EGYPT: MB INTERNAL CLASHES CONTINUE

REF: A. CAIRO 1893
B. CAIRO 2011

Classified By: Minister-Counselor for Economic and Political Affairs Donald A. Blome, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

- 1.(C) Key Points: -- (C) Muslim Brotherhood (MB) internal disputes are heating up as Supreme Guide Akef affirms he will step down at the end of
- 2.(C) Comment: The MB's leadership crisis has, to an unusual degree, been played out in public and in the press. For the MB's reformers, this reflects
- 3.(C) Comment continued: Inter-generational conflict remains the political theme in Egypt. Ongoing internal debate within the MB leadership oddly
- 4.(C) According to press reports, Muslim Brotherhood (MB) Guide Mahdi Akef has once again affirmed he will step down at the end of December. He
----- Akef Tired of Playing Referee -----
- 5.(C) Akef has been unsuccessful at keeping a lid on the most recent series of internal clashes. Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies
- 6.(C) The current conflict among members of the Guidance Bureau focuses on two different interpretations of the MB by-laws. The first group, led
----- MB Internal Elections Process -----
- 7.(C) The Supreme Guide is elected by the MB Shura Council, which is in turn elected by MB members in Egypt-wide elections. Elections for the Supreme
----- Inter-Generational Split -----
- 8.(C) According to Al Ahram Center's Khalil Anany, the current dispute, like the disagreement over a potential seat for MB reformer Essam El Ezz
----- Mohammed Habib Likely Successor -----
- 9.(C) Khalil Anany expects that Deputy Guide Mohammed Habib will most likely permanently replace Akef. According to Anany, Mohammed Habib (often)
- 10.(C) Separately, Rafik Habib also told POLITICO Mohammed Habib will probably succeed Akef. Popular within the MB, Mohammed Habib came in second
----- Fotouh Release Intensifies Internal Conflict -----
- 11.(C) Anany also suggested the GoE's recent release of MB reformer Fotouh (Refitel B) was meant to "heat-up the ongoing dispute within the MB leadership
----- Khariat El Shater Only Guidance Bureau Member in Jail Through Elections -----
- 12.(C) Separately, nine MB members were released from military jail on December 14 after serving their full term of three years. The group included
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